DISTRICT INVESTIGATION

cates with you? A. No, sir, the report of 1873 will show it.

Mr. Christy. It is in evidence there.

The Witness. You can see it in the report. The certificate was charged to Rhode Island avenue, and after the report came out I hunted it up, and it shows in the report that it was charged on Rhode Island avenue, between Seventh street and New Jersey avenue. It is on the certificate where the work was done.

Mr. Mattingly. That was in evidence before, when you were on the stand.

when you were on the stand.

The Chairman. Exactly, but I am asking ame Chairman. Exactly, but I am assung again about it. [To the witness:] I am trying to find out now, sir, what connection all this had with Attorney General Williams' property! A. Well, Attorney General Williams' property—this work was done in August, and orney General's order never was in for for it.

By Mr. Stewart: Q. Was it a public alley!

A. Oh, yes, sir. There was a very large alley that goes through it; an alley, if I mistake not, that is to be paved; a six-foot pavement one way, so I have been informed. It is a 30-foot alley.

By the Chairman: Q. Where did the rest of the dirt go to! A. I sent—I think the carts were running from three to four days. I had eighteen or twenty carts running. Mr. Clark was filling at that time at the corner of Seventeenth and B streets—way down at the canal, nearly three fourths of a mile haul—and he asked me if I could assist him in giving him some dirt; that he would not have enough from N street to finish. I did so, and I never got anything for that haul. I think it is a thousand feet.

Q. There would not have been any difficulty if the Board of Public Works had paid you for the filling of the alley! A. No, sir. They were to pay for the work done in and around Attorney General Williams' place. I asked pay of the board for taking off that hill, and nowhere else at all.

was the shortest; and when I sent the other down to B and Seventeenth streets, I did'nt claim eny hand for it, because I thought they would say I wanted to make as long a hand as I could.

Q. Had you a contract for filling square 140!
A. No, sir; no contract at all. There were some parties there that had some lots that they wanted filled, and all I have charged them for it was—I have to tear down a back building and take the lumber and lay it up for them, and then take down their yard fences, wood, and coal sheds, and privies, and all such things as that, and sumish the men there, and shove the dirt in under the houses. I do not think any man paid me over \$60. It would not amount to paying for bearing down the buildings and the men for fixing the dirt in there.

Q. I see here that \$86.70 of this was charged

the Attorney General's order never was in for the Attorney General's order never was in for work until the 1sth of October. It does not attach to this at all; it has no relation to this at all; it has no relation to this at all. It was given on the 1sth of October, and I went to work on the morning of the 1sth. This work was done in August.

Q. Let me see if I understand you. What did you do on the morning of the 1sth? A. I do not suppose he was. He is not so liberal.

Q. Do not you know that he was executing a contract there, and wanted this dirt to help him carry it out? A. But that was not pay in grading the lot and cutting the alley up through square 1so, I think. A portion of that dirt went into square 1so, I think. A portion I sent to B and Seventeenth streets.

Q. Where is square 1so, I think. A portion I sent to B and Seventeenth streets.

Q. One of those lots to be filled in A. Yes, sir. There was some to be filled up, and most of the dirt went into an alley. There was an alley to be filled up in this place. A big "T" alley went into square 1so.

By Mr. Stewart: Q. Was it a public alley!

A. Oh, yes, sir. There was a very large alley the color.

When wo whether he had or not.

Q. Was he doing it for nothing? A. I do not suppose he was. He is not so liberal.

Q. Do not you know that he was executing a contract there, and wanted this dirt to help him carry it out? A. But that was not pay ing mor it. Mr. Clark was ordered to put the dirt in there just the same as we were doing. He was getting paid for fill in every instance when you took the dirt away? A. No, str. I took no pay except for a number of yards I took from Attorney General Williams' place. Not one cent anywhere else.

Q. Din you not at the time want pay for filling the dirt in the pay and for fill in every instance when you took the dirt away? A. No, str. I took no pay except for a number of yards I took from Attorney General Williams' place. Not one cent anywhere else.

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sanything for that haul. I think it is a thousand feet.

Q. Have you made out a bill- for this work which you speak of now! A. They sent the engineer up and measured it when the work was done, and padd me a portion of it. It is there; I think if gave it to you.

Q. A bill for this work! A. Yes, sir; I have a little memorandum here showing what I have a little memorandum here showing what I was padd on it, and what the whole thing cost.

Q. Wait a moment and let me see if I can understand it. This is "Washington, D. C., March 23, 1574, Board of Public Works, District of Columbia, to Riley & Clark, debtor."

This is a very late bill. Who made it out! A. I had that made out myself since the committee sat.

Q. Who made it out for you! A. Mr. Thompson, I believe: Dr. Thompson You have the order for the work there, haven't you! I gave it to you with the papers.

By Mr. Wilson: Q. That order that was made by Hill!

The Wilness. Yes; sir.

Mr. Wilson: Q. That order that was made by Hill!

The Wilness. Yes; sir.

Mr. Wilson: Q. That order that was made to me.

By the Chairman: Q. Wait a moment, I want to get at this, if I can. You have charged in this bill 9,187 yards of grading, at 23 cepts and to get at this, if I can. You have charged in this bill 9,187 yards of grading, at 23 cepts and the was meanthree-fourths of a mile, but I never claimed anything, and let it go in with the other. When I went to do this work I asked pay of sillows the solution of the work was near three-fourths of a mile, but I never claimed anything, and let it go in with the other. When I went to do this work I asked pay of sillows the solution of the continuation of the says; "put it wherever you please; make it the shortest haily out the dirt I sen to deform the work had ever been done a deducted from it." He called to see the Governor again. He said it was a very clever little follow. The for-well of the more of the says; "when you go down there is anot; and sever have a mother of the whole the note to Mr. Johnson and gave it to him. When I

Q. I see here that \$83.70 of this was charged to Rhode Island avenue. Why was that? A. It was given to me in five different certificates. It was given to me in five different certificates. There was one certificate—

O. The borr! allowed you for filling that alley? A. Yes, irr; they charged to the square 140; it don't say alley? It leaves it open to an accessment to every poor property-holder in there. If they had put it to the alley? it was not the beard of built was, and I hold myself retained the additional time of the control of

Q. The board refused to pay that? A. The board had no more to do with it than you gentlemen. Don't I tell you why I did it? I was

go a little on the fantastic.
Q. This is the report of your proceedings to the Board of Public Works! A. Yes, sir. If you go and look over my reports, some of them to Vice President Willard, you will find some

of them are very funny.
Q. I don't see anything funny about this.
A. I don't say Governor Shepherd told me that
—"to guit her taste."
Q. You did say so in this report to the Q. You did say so in this report to the board. A. It may be so that he told me. I think if he did not say that he meant it.

Q. You reported it according to your understanding of this order? A. Yes, sir. My ides was that the two lots occupied by the house, and not the whole say:

I think that letter is all correct, with the Accordion, perhaps, of what is said there about Mrs. Williams.

By Mr. Mattingly: Q. State as to what you understood by the word "premises;" whether it was inside of the lot, or outside, over which the board had terraced. A. I think it was what the board had terraced outside. If there what the board had terraced outside. If there

ADOLF CLUSS RECALED.

By Mr. Wilson: Q. What do you know about the middle of the work of t

33,470 00 Deduct 7.754 square feet flagging for nished by board for Mount Verso square, at 60 cents

board had no more to do with it than you gentlemen. Don't I tell you why I did it? I was afraid of getting into a lawauit, and the board ignored it in the most emphatic manner.

Q. Who was to pay the money? A. I did think Mrs. Williams would pay some; and, to be very candid, if Mrs. Williams had not paid, if ather than to have a lawauit, I do not know but that I myself would have done it. I am telling you God's truth. Self governed me out and out, and good feeling also.

Q. Why was not the \$200 paid? A. I would have paid the \$200 from my own pocket. I could have gotten along very well with Mr. Clark and Mr. Riley both, but when we got up to this \$300 money was very scare, and actually and truthfully we had not the money to pay the \$300. Then when we came to \$200 ye had not that, and when we got down to \$300 I would have paid mine, and then I thought if I did it might look a little fishy. I have always borne a good character in this community ever time Learne intelt, and I want to mount of the substantially correct and complete the abstract:

I did it might look a little fishy. I have always borne a good character in this community ever since I came into it, and I want to go out of it as I came in.

By Mr. Wilson: Q. Do you recognize this letter as being the one you sent to the Board of Public Works? [Handing witness a letter.]

A. Yes, rir; that is mine.
Q. You say in this letter that Governor Shepherd directed you verbally to do this work in a way that would suit the taste of Mrs. Williams. Is that the fact? A. Yes, sir; it is. I may have gone a little farther than Governor Shepherd, since when I am writing about ladies I go a little on the fantastic.

The following minor account will be table yeared feet flagging around 23,805 square feet flagging around United States Capitol, reservation in the fact of Mrs. Williams. In that the fact? A. Yes, sir; it is. I may have gone a little farther than Governor Shepherd, since when I am writing about ladies I go a little on the fantastic. The following minor account will be substantially correct and complete the abstract: Thirteen-and-a-half and P street, at 55 cents
10,000 square feet fingging on Seventhstreet plats, opposite Mount
Verion Square, at 60 cents
30,532 square feet of fingging, on Third street and Maryland avenue, around Botanical Garden, by G. H. Fletcher, at 24 cents

121,672 square feet - - - -J. O. Evans, Van Brunt & Bro., N. Actor, Miscellaneous, 11 770 8 6341,423 93

If these sidewalks, instead of flagging, would have been isid with this superior article, the New Chatel asphalt rock, at a price of \$2.00 per square yard, the cost would have been about \$108,000, and the debt contracted on account of the United States would at this day be about \$220,000 less, without interfering with beauty or durability.

In connection with this cost of footwalks about a few reservations, it may well be stated that the cost of the brick sidewalks laid during these last three years all over the city did not exceed, according to well-propared compliations, the sum of

Engineer, Member Board of Public Works. MAY 27, 1874.

- \$28,002 25 - 500 00 To balance

E. & U. E.
AUDITOR'S OFFICE, August 1, 1872.
Note.—Audited for \$23,502.25, an error of \$500 appearing in the cargo of the schooner Ann Dole, on second line. J. U. LAY, Auditor Board of Public Works.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF PROFEST,

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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,
WASHINGTON, July 12, 1872.
GENTALWAIN: I have the honor to report that I
have inspected and received, on the 6th instant,
from Van Brunt & Bro., per schooner W. M.
Everett, and consigned to J. O. Evans, and by
him assigned to the board, the following material:

ial:

8,118 square feet of 4-foot bluestone flagging.
Broken and rejected.
45 square feet of 4-foot bluestone flagging.
Very respectfully,
E. B. Townsand,
Superintendent Property.

ragui square, and then the same at P-street circle and 800tt status.

Q. At what rate was he paid for putting that town? A Strity cents. So that the whole was not pared, but its pared now, and so I considered it right town? A Strity cents. So that the whole price would? be 55 cents. The cost for basting makes 60 consi, and 60 cents again for putting ft down—\$1.95, and thus, in fact, I did not understand myself the other key.

By Mr. Wilson—\$2.95, and thus, in fact, I did not understand myself the other key.

By Mr. Wilson—\$2.95, and thus, in fact, I did not understand myself the other key.

By Mr. Wilson—\$3.95, and 60 cents again for putting ft down—\$4.95, and thus as in it.

Q. When state ment of the voncker of D. A. Connelly, on Massachusetts are remet.

Wr. Morris. (sandinor—cierk.) Mr. Giuss, before the was completed? A No, sir; the sessment had been made, and then afterward was to the other was to the other was to the state ment of the voncker of D. A. Connelly, on Massachusetts are remet.

Wr. Wilson—\$4. Engine The Wilson—\$4. So, sir; the sessment had been made, and then afterward in the invoice, and counted it again when faid in the invoice, and counted it again when faid the whole thing gone over:

Q. Bring it in a continued a form as your stated of the statement of sagging. Yet again when faid the whole thing gone over:

Q. Who assisted youlg noing over it A. Mr. Sanchover. He is one of the assisted youlg noing over it A. Mr. Morris. Yes, it is evident that you have made in the invoice, and counted it again when faid the invoice, and counted it again when faid the invoice of minutes.

Mr. Wilson—Here are some papers in content of the whole thing gone over the side of the superintendent of the superin

The witness read as follows:

GENTLEMEN: I am proceeding with the work of dressing the fiarging at P-street circle, Farraget square and Sixteenth-street circle, as per four order. Please have contract prepared is accordance with our understanding for the work. vis. I propose to do the cutting and jointing of the stone as per sample; i. c., the stone to be taken out of wind and dressed to an even or level surface; the work to be equal to axed work of name observations by the Government about the Capitol and Treasury Department, in this sity; the stone to be jointed square on the edges, an arrange of two inches down from the top. I also propose to set the stone in coment, flush at the joints, and grout the same with best cament; also to grade the welks, furnish say four inches charp sand and grave, and do the work complete in the best manner, tor sixty-five (55) cents per square foot.

Very respectfully, yours, ke.,

Hon, Board of Public Works, District of Columbia, Mashington, D. C.

[Indox: mont.]

Washington, D. C.

[Indors:ment.]

Hefer to Mr. Cluss, to examine and have the contact prepared if O. K.

[Indorsement.]

B. P. W., D. C., WASHINGTON, Jan. B., 1874.

Respectfully referred to the ongineer in charge, who will examine and have the countract prepared [cf all right]. order of the board. WARD JOHNSON, for Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Mattingly. Now just read your report, please. [Witness read as follows:] Respectfully returned, contract having been prepared in accordance with instructions and submitted specifications.

ADOLY CLUBS,
Engineer in charge. Q. Then you think it was all "O. K.P" A. I have no doubt at present that I asked for the

price.
Q. You did not ask for it at that time, did
you? A. I had nothing to do with the purchase of materials at all, and I do not know.
Q. That letter of Mr. Evans' was referred to you to make the report, if all was right—everything was "O. K.?" A. Yes, sir.
Q. Before you made the contract? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And the natural inference is that you thought it was "O. K.," is it not? A. Of course; but what we are looking for is the correspondence in regard to the purchase of flag-

ging, and not the workmanship.
Mr. Stewart. This is the workmanship? The Witness. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you mean to say that the workmanship was all right—that that was a fair price—
60 cents? A. If we paid in certificates worth
30 cents below par, it was all right.
[Witness then read the following letter:]

[Witness then read the following letter:]

WARHINGTON, December 22, 1872.

GENTLIMENT, L. Lave about sixty thousand square feet of "extra large" bluestone flagging, any 20,000 feet six feet long, and 20,000 feet five feet long; 20 per cent. of the lot is right two and a half to six feet wide, balance from two to two and a half fost wide, running from two to three inches thick, which I propose to deliver at our wharf, free of wharfage and expense, at 55 cents per foot. About three fourths of the lot are here, and can be delivered at once.

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,
Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

Hon. Board of Public Works, District of Columbia, Washington, D. C.

The Witness. This is no inforsement on this

done; by whose order that letter was sent; by whose order that entry was made on the record? A. The letter was sent, probably by the order of the vice president.

Q. By whose order was that put on the record? A. There was no order given.

Q. All that was made up of your own motion: from the papers, as you explained on yesterday.

Witness Cluss. The record itself shows that this is not a regular board meeting. ADOLF CLUSS RECALLED.

By Mr. Wilson: Q. Now, Mr. Cluss, is the flagging that has been laid down the kind of flagging that was described in that letter? A. Well, I would have to read that letter a little nore carefully.

The Chairman. It is described in that letter you have just read.

The Witness. The letter is dated December 23. It says here running from two to three inches long. I should think that is about the quality; two inches is the least that you can

CHARLES S. JOHNSON RECALLED. CHARLES S. JOHNSON RECALLED.

By Mr. Wilson: Q. Now, Mr. Johnson, is there any estimate of John O. Evans for any other flagging?

The Chairman. Let me see if I understand this. On December 28, 1873, John O. Evans writes a letter to the Board of Public Works. That letter is referred by the vice president. Witness Cluss. No. sir.

Q. What is the date of that letter? Witness Cluss. Five weeks later.

Q. What is the indorsement upon that letter—the letter you have just read? Witness Cluss. There is no indorsement whatever, but the minutes of the board give the key to it. The vice president directed the order to be made on the minutes of the board. The vice president accepted thic and notified the superintendent of property to inspect it, and ordered it paid.

for taking it up, when no credit was given to
the old material—so as to leave it to every individual citizen if he wanted to get anything
for his old stone. I think such things ought
to go into the assessment sheet; at least if you
charge a man—

Q. We will not discuss the philosophy of
this thing. I simply want to get at what has
been done? A. I just made an assessment
sheet with all the items that I thought were
legitimately belonging to it.
Q. Do you know whether Mr. Barney has
been over this same work? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Since you went over it? A. Mr. Barney
was along also.
Q. Did you and Mr. Barney agree about it?
A. Oh, yes, sir, tully.
Q. How do you gentlemen and Mr. Rives
agree? A. I do not know that I showed it to
Mr. Wright Rives.
Q. You have seen his statement? A. Yes,
sir.
Q. Did you work differ from his hard.

Q. Did your work differ from his? A. Well, it does differ some from his. For instance, in that street there is in one square, a Colton fence that cost 30 centes a foot, and in the next square there is a stone coping which cost 83 a foot. Now I did not think it was right

next square there is a stone coping which cost \$8 a foot. Now I did not think it was right and proper to charge the whole street all through—the one who gets the Colton 30 cents a foot, to let him pay for the brownstone coping in the next square. I made a general estimate for each square, as to what was a proper assessment, for each square—for that which belonged to that square—for that which belonged to that square.

Q. Were there, or not, any other charges there in regard to paving or anything of that kind! A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you recollect the amount of them! A. I think, you know, there were about 1,600 square yards too much brick pavament there.

Q. You were interrogated by me when I examined you before in regard to the account upon which the appropriation of \$1,340,000 was procured. If I understood your subsequent statements in regard to it, you say that you were referring in your answer to my question to the voucher upon which the money was drawn and not the account upon which the appropriation was obtained! A. That is it.

Q. Did you ever look over that account upon which that appropriation was made with a view of ascertaining whether all the work that was specified in that account had been done! A. Yes, sir, I have; but I find there glaring omissions and very glaring inaccuracies. I find for instance, there is Fifth street fronting Ju.

omissions and very glaring inaccuracies. I find for instance, there is Fifth street fronting Ju-dictary square, where it says there is new con-

dictary square, where it says there is new concrete payement, new brick work, new curbing, new brick, when there has nothing of the kingle been furnished.

By Mr. Mattingly: Q. Let us understand this. Do you mean that applies to the statement on which the money was obtained?

Mr. Wilson. Oh, no; I am calling his attention specially to the statement upon which the appropriation was based, and not to the one upon which the money was drawn from the Treasury.

Mr. Mattingly. I understood him to the constant of the constant o reasury.

Mr. Mattingly. I understood him to say, in answer to your question on direct examination, he was referring to the statement upon which

he was referring to the statement upon which the money was paid.

Mr. Wilson. Not at all. He did not refer to that at all. When I asked him the question—I did ask him a question with reference to the statement upon which the appropriation was made; upon which the appropriation was procured—he said he misunderstood the question, and his answer had reference to the vouchers upon which the money was procured.

Mr. Mattingly. I ask him now whether his statement applies to that?

Mr. Wilson. No. Now I ask him the question whether he has looked over the statement upon which the appropriation was secured, with a view to determine whether he was accurate or not—whether he has looked over it, and if there are glaring inaccuracies in it, and he instances Fifth street west, on Judiciary square, and he was proceeding to instance others.

The Chairman. The Governor in his testimony stated that was a mere estimate, and

parament, laid in the fall of 1970, cost last year, including the entire relaying of half a square, \$20,000.25.

The men in charge of repairs of wood pavements have lately reported that their efforts to repair the wood pavements on Sevenih street southwest, laid by Linville & Oo. in 1871, botween the mail and the river, have proved fattle, and about three fourths of all the blocks are rotten.

MAIN SEWERAGE The Board of Public Works have expended ows: am. Strong, outlet at Seventeenth Sam. Strong, B street, between Fif-teenth and Seventeenth streets Gant & Appleman, B street, between Seventh and Fifteenth streets Old canal interais Contingencies, 5 per cent. -Total On which they received from United States, un-disputed, the following amounts: Page 430 Governor's an-swer 8100,398 43

Page 456 Governor's an-22,825 27 Remains actual outlay - -TAXATION. trea occupied by private lots in fourth Total . . . . . .

Actual outlay, beyond such sewers as have seen assessed with street collections: Beall-street awar, 27 mg ac wer, \$22,799.05. Assessment, as swer, \$22,793.05.

Assessment, as per Forsyth, (report of 1873, page 30.) 19,193.397 square feet, area of building lots, at seven mills, \$194,923.05.

Draughtsman Wright, deadhead!

District to produce the bids for rail fences received under an advertisement written by Cluss,

revious to Colton contract. By Mr. Wilson: Q. You have referred to measurement made by you, under the direction of Governor Shepherd, of E street north, from the New Jersey avenue to Fourth street west; how does that differ from the cost of the street as it.

Q. In case both of you have been misled, and By Mr. Wilson: Q. You have referred to has been reported by the board? A. In the end there is not much difference, but then the quality of that circular curb, the board was elements are different. The result is about the same.

same. By Mr. Stewart: Q. Is this remeasurement

yards.
Q. I ask you how far wrong the board was?
A. I was called upon to make this five weeks ago, and it has passed from my memory.
Mr. Stewart. Then, perhaps you had better

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to \$76,333.75. That is \$30,000 out of the way.

The Witness. How is that!

Mr. Morris. There is the total—you have got vouchers for \$00,000 feet, amounting to \$50,502. You have doubled that again. Part of that account is John O. Evans'. You have taken the report of the superintendent of the property. We paid Evans for that; we didn't pay Van Brunt.

Mr. Morris. No, you will find Van Brunt's name.

Mr. Morris. No, you will find Van Brunt's name here; that is just \$250,000 out of the way.

Mr. Cluss. It will look over it and noe if there are any errors. I have here some items, which I will submit to the committee, which I will submit to the committee which I will submit to the committee, which I will submit to the committee way.

Mr. Cluss then submitted the following the way is a will be stream of the way.

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Mr. Cluss the way is the straight ourb, trimmed and jointee

I, superintendent for improvement of street, from — to — in horeby sertify that the work embraced in the bill of dated — was done under the order of the Board of Publis Works, (contrast No. —, 187—) and has been done in conformity with the contrast and specifications.

Bated —, 1578.

Thereby certify that I have measured and inspected the work by Evans Concrete Company on the improvement of Connecticut are now northwest between H and P-street circle, in substanced in his bill dated October 18, 1878, which work was done under the order of the Board of Public Works, (contract No. —, 187—) and find it correct as to quantity and quality, and that the work has been done and labor and material furnished as per contract and specifications.

Assistant Everyper.

Dated October 18, 1878. Approved October 18, 1873.

140,171 12 I Certify that the foregoing bill is correct in form, and that the prices are according to contract, and is therefore audited in the the sum of the contract and is therefore audited in the the sum

A. This is again a bill of bauling. Q. No, it is not a bill of hauling; it says 3,316 feet of circular curb, trimmed and jointed; that is not hauling. A. Yes, sir; that is so, I have been taken in, and Mr. Barney \$303,507 10

15,989 85

Q. You and Mr. Barney were both taken in?
A. Well, let me see; I must look our price-list over. [The witness proceeds to do so.] It is not in the price-list at all. It is dressing and folluting, 80 cants, here. But I wish to say that this is a bill; most likely, that reached us from the superintendent of property. This is mainly a hauling bill.

Q. No. I am not talking about healing. I are

a hauling bill.

Q. No, I am not talking about hauling; I am speaking about the circular-curb up there at the top. A. Yes, sir; it is as you say.

Q. That is not hauling. That is for trimming and jointing that curb. A. But the whole is a bill that comes to us from the superintendent of property, but it might be insected.

Q. I am not talking about that. When an

norning as to flagging, you take the opportunity there to say that if, instead of flagging, this Neufchstei rock had been used, it would have cost so much less? A. Yes, sir; I do, most assuredly.

Q. If bricks had been used, they would have

Q. If bricks had been used, they would have cost a great deal less? A. I say Neufchatel rock, without impairing the beauty or stability, could have been used.

Q. That is your opinion of the Neufchatel rock! A. Yes sir.

Q. That is an experiment in this city, is it not? A. It has been no experiment. I has been used for a length of time, and in terraces it is the order of the day in the best places about the Tuilleries. Concrete pavements have been introduced here, chaaper concrete pavements, where they have tried to improve upon the Neufchatel rock, but I have always held that you can improve upon nature if you have angels for mechanics; but as long as you have to deal with mortals there will, in many cases, be carelessness and neglect of one or the other little elements which are necessary to make a success.

TESTIMONT OF DE. J. B. BLAKE

Doctor J. B. Blake sworn.

By the Chairman: Q. I may not have understood the testimony this morning, but I understand it as you seem to, that this filling of lots of which you were the agent is charged to Rhode island avenue? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And paid for by the board? A. Yes, sir.

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Q. Charged to a street. Will you explain why? A. I understood that I had been charged with having the lot, either mine or which I have the custody of as trustee, filled at the expense of the Board of Public Works. Such a thing as that has never occurred. I am the trustee of the estate of the lato Jolnson Hellen, of this city, a gentleman well known in this community.